



Satin Stitch a Tear in Your Shirt

This guide will show you how to patch a torn or ripped Patagonia shirt.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide will walk you through the steps necessary to repair a rip or tear in your Patagonia shirt using a satin stitch—a tightly-spaced stitch that’s very wide. This guide should be used for rips and tears that aren’t on a seam. If you have a tear in the seam, see the [Repairing a Torn Seam](#) guide. This satin-stitching guide should only be used on holes that are narrow enough not to require additional fabric to patch. New to sewing? Check out our [sewing glossary](#).

For replacement parts or further assistance, contact [Patagonia Customer Service](#).



TOOLS:

- [Sewing Machine](#) (1)
 - [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Tear



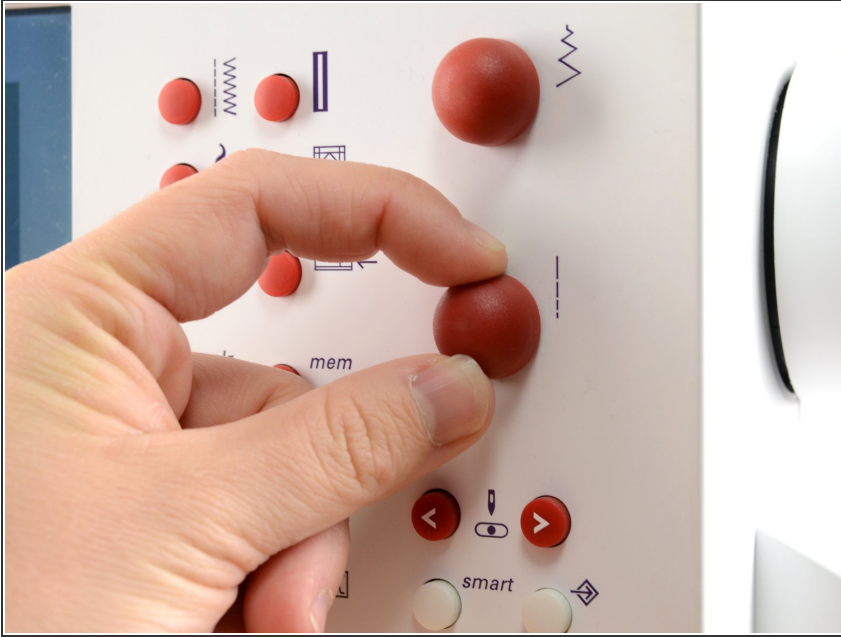
- Examine the tear and the surrounding fabric.
- Clip any loose threads to keep them from getting caught in the new stitching.
- Select a coordinating color of thread and [thread the sewing machine](#).

Step 2



- Adjust the sewing machine to a stitch-width of two or three.
- ⓘ *Stitch-width controls the sideways distance of the stitch, so if you feel you need a little more width, three is acceptable.*
- ⓘ *Every sewing machine is different, so refer to your sewing machine manual to find the stitch width adjustment on your machine.*
- ⚠ *Be sure your sewing machine is fitted with a wide-mouthed pressor foot, as opposed to one with a small round hole. When the sewing machine does a satin stitch, it will bump into the the pressor foot and break if there is not a wide enough opening.*

Step 3



- Set the sewing machine stitch length down to just above zero.
- ❗ (i) Stitch length controls how far forward the sewing machine advances with each stitch. Satin stitches should be very tight, which is why we want this number very close to zero.
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Step 4



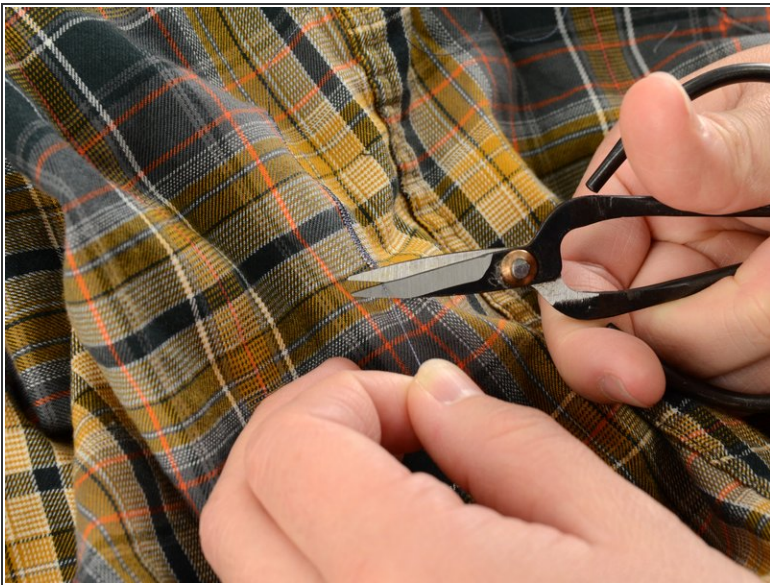
- ❗ (i) If the fabric you're repairing is gauzy or thin, you can add a small scrap of interfacing or scrap fabric on the backside of your rip or tear. Most of the time this isn't necessary.
- Align the fabric in the sewing machine about half an inch before the rip or tear.
- Lower the pressor foot and begin sewing, guiding the machine over the tear.

Step 5



- Sew about half an inch past the end of the slit.
- Lift the presser foot and clip the threads to free the garment.

Step 6



- Trim any extra threads.
- Admire your handiwork.

